IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

WRIT PETITION NO : 6616 of 2005

Between:

K.Bazarappa, S/o. K.Jaya Ramulu,
H.No.3/4, Varkur, Kodumur (M), Kurnool District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1. The Regional Manager, APSTRC, Kurnool Region, Kurnool

District.
2 The Divisional Manager, APSTRC, Kurnool Region, Kurnool

District.
3 The Depot Manager, APSTRC, Adoni Bus Depot, Kurnool

District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an order, direction or writ more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd respondent in issuing the proceeding No.02/85(302)/2001-ADN, dt.25-01-2002 as illegal, arbitrary and unjust and consequently set aside the proceedings Proceeding No.02/85(302)/2001-ADN, dt.25.01.2002 issued by the 3 rd Respondent.

Counsel for the Petitioner:MR.G.RAVI MOHAN

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3: MR.P.VINAYAKA SWAMY

The Court at the admission stage made the following O R D E R:

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents.

The petitioner questions the order dated 25.01.2002 imposing punishment of postponement of annual increments for a period of two years, which shall have the effect of postponing the future increments.

The petitioner contends that imposing the punishment of postponement of increments with cumulative effect is a major penalty and the same cannot be imposed without conducting any enquiry.

This Court in **S.K.Mastan v. Managing Director, APSRTC**, held that imposition of punishment of postponement of increments with cumulative effect is a major penalty and the same cannot be imposed unless preceded by an enquiry.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and following the above judgment, I am inclined to modify the punishment imposed on the petitioner to that of postponement of two annual increments without cumulative effect.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of modifying the punishment imposed on the petitioner to that of postponement of two annual increments, which shall not have the effect of postponing the future increments. By virtue of this order, petitioner is not entitled for any monetary benefits from the date of punishment till this date. However, he is entitled for notional calculation. No costs.

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(K.C.BHANU,J)

Dt:29.03.2005

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To

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